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Applicants: C. Thomas Caskey, John M. Shumaker and Andres Metspalu
Application No.: 09/711,476 Group: 1655
Filed: November 13, 2000 Examiner: Not Assigned
For: PARALLEL PRIMER EXTENSION APPROACH TO NUCLEIC ACID
SEQUENCE ANALYSIS

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Preliminary Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- [] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- [] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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* not fewer than 20
** not fewer than 3

SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT FEE
X \$9	\$ 0
X \$40	\$ 0
+ \$135	\$ 0

TOTAL = \$ 0

OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
RATE	ADDIT FEE
X \$18	\$ 108
X \$80	\$
+ \$270	\$

TOTAL = \$ 108

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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the claims as indicated below.

In the Claims

- ✓ Please cancel Claims 1-21.
- Please add new Claims 22-53.